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MINISTER ERHARD IS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK TWICE AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSLIP MARCH 21 ON ECONOMIC RECONSTRUCTION OF GERMANY SINCE WAR AND ALSO MARCH 25 ON GERMANY AND COMMON MARKET. HE PLANS TO FLY FROM HERE ON MARCH 19.

THIS SCHEDULE WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO BE IN WASHINGTON MARCH 22 THROUGH MARCH 24 OR AFTER MARCH 26. HE ENVISAGES REMAINING IN AMERICA UNTIL APPROXIMATELY MARCH 31 BUT STAY COULD BE EXTENDED IF NECESSARY.

HE ENVISAGES POSSIBILITY OF A NUMBER OF INTERESTING AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDING COMMON MARKET AND FREE TRADE ZONE. HE WOULD APPRECIATE GREATLY POSSIBILTY OF TALKING WITH SECRETARIES DULLET, WEEKS AND HUMPHREY. MINISTRY STATED HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO LEARN OF ANY SPECIFIC TOPICS WHICH STATE OR OTHER DEPTS WOULD LIKE TO HAVE HIM DISCUSS. PLEASE TELEGRAPH URGENTLY DATES MOST ACCEPTABLE. TO WASHINGTON. MINISTRY ALSO SUGGESTED THAT FINAL DETAILS AS TO ACTUAL HOURS OF CONFERENCES ETC. BE WORKED OUT WITH GERMAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON. WILL SUBMIT SEPARATELY SUGGESTED LIST OF ITEMS FOR AGENDA OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO UNITED STATES.

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